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## Student group rebuilds its support base

### COMATOSE STUDENT MOVEMENT GETS SHOT IN THE ARM

*The provincial government easily passed a seven per cent increase in tuition fees last Christmas, with the student movement in the greatest state of docility and chaos since the Sixties.*

by Peter Clibbon

BUT AFTER TWO YEARS of political infighting, Québec's student movement is finally on the road to recovery, says Julie Gervais.

Gervais is general-secretary of the Association Nationale des Etudiants et Etudiantes de Québec (ANEEQ), the largest and oldest student organization in Québec.

Gervais, a part-time student at Université de Québec à Montréal (UQAM), said there is renewed interest in ANEEQ from its 20 member schools. She said the student movement is beginning to reemerge from the "great shock" — the 160 per cent increase in university tuition fees imposed on students since 1990.

To oppose the hike, ANEEQ member schools boycotted both their classes and fees in what many observers described as the highest level of Québec student militance since the early '70s. When the bubble burst and the strikes ended in defeat, critics turned on ANEEQ.

"Many people were discouraged by the student movement's collapse against the fee hikes," said Gervais.

"And the ensuing internal battles in the movement only served to weaken ANEEQ."

Things haven't looked better for ANEEQ since the battle against tuition fee hikes. Gervais observed that Québec students are interpreting educational politics with a renewed militance. And, financially, ANEEQ is out of debt for the first time in two years.

More importantly, ANEEQ has regained the backing of its traditional pillar of support — UQAM, or more accurately, UQAM's student association, AGEUQAM. Last year, AGEUQAM's threats to drop out of ANEEQ put the future of the association in jeopardy.

"Pulling out of ANEEQ was closely linked to internal political divisions at UQAM," said Eric Dulong, member of the AGEUQAM executive. "People were really frustrated and never saw any results from the long series of marches and strikes."

ANEEQ's year began on a more positive note following the election of a "reform" slate to the executive council. The slate promised to decentralize, democratize and

defactionalize the then-moribund association.

But the reform slate quickly dissolved when its three members resigned last November, leaving only Julie Gervais on the ANEEQ executive. Ex-slate member Daniel St-Onge said the reasons for his resignation were mixed.

"For one, I couldn't afford the new tuition fees and had to get a job," he said. "But I also had some political differences with Julie (Gervais)."

St-Onge said the ANEEQ reform slate's demands for decentralization have been accomplished *de facto*. In Québec City, member schools have been more active than ever before and have created a new power-centre in ANEEQ. Traditionally, ANEEQ has been dominated by its Montréal members.

#### FEUQ fated to flop

ANEEQ supporters are quick to point out their organization's advantages over its rival, the



Julie Gervais, general-secretary of the Association Nationale des Etudiants et Etudiantes de Québec.

Federation Etudiante Universitaire du Québec (FEUQ).

"What really unites students are positions on real issues," said Dulong. "Few students can rally behind the principle of increasing tuition fees."

He said FEUQ has an inconsistent philosophy on accessible education. While it advocates increased tuition fees for university students, FEUQ argues CEGEPs should remain free.

Gervais said FEUQ is also unable to formulate a worthwhile position on Québec sovereignty beyond a simple gesture in favour of self-determination. In contrast, ANEEQ formulated a strong position in fa-

vour of independence at a meeting last November.

Gervais said FEUQ is destined to follow the path of former student federations that emphasized services rather than accessibility. When push comes to shove, service-based federations don't represent students' interests.

"Students need an organization that defends them rather than simply serving them," she said.

"It basically comes down to people having problems buying their books and paying their fees. They don't need an organization that's cutting deals with the government and getting them cheap golfing lessons."

## Auto show fouls atmosphere

by Michael Rottmayer

Fifty protesters from Coalition Auto Stop demonstrated against the auto show, Propulsion '92, at Olympic Stadium last Saturday.

"We are doing this to protest cars essentially, and to promote alternatives, like the bus, the Métro, bicycling, and walking," said Stéphane Gingras of the environmental group Greenpeace.

Demonstrating along with Greenpeace were Transport 2000, a public transit lobby group and Le Monde à Bicyclette, a pro-bicycle group. People attending the auto show received 'violations for carbon dioxide emissions' from the protesters. The violations, which resemble traffic tickets, list smog, cancer, and inefficient use of urban space as problems with the automobile.

"The auto is glamorized. People going to the show don't realize the harm that cars do," said Gingras.

He cited the fact that a car produces its own weight in carbon dioxide each year as an example of the negative environmental effects of the automobile. Carbon dioxide is widely believed to be the primary cause of global warming.

On the back of the violations were fifteen recommendations from Greenpeace for more ecologically sound transportation. Among them were: better walking arrangements, better bicycling networks, informing the public about the harmful aspects of the automobile, and investment in public transit.

"We need mass transport. We should be putting in more money to make it efficient and cheap," said Gingras. He criticized provincial Municipal Affairs Minister Claude Ryan in particular for his cuts to public transit spending.

The press conference was interesting in that it was held aboard a public transit bus. The bus was made in Belgium and assembled in Drummondville. Luc Côté of Trans-

port 2000 agreed that more money is needed for public transit. "We need more buses, especially nice ones like this."

The bus has a lower floor than a normal bus, so is easier to board

**"The auto is glamorized. People going to the show don't realize the harm that cars do."**

and as well has more headroom. It also is nearly all windows, which makes for a nice view. It is lighter and more durable than a conventional bus because it is made of composite materials.

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Stéphane Gingras of Greenpeace.



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Entrepreneurs Club annual clothing sale 9 to 5, Union 107-8.

Simon Kahn, Executive Director of JNF Eastern Canada, will be speaking on "Canadian Jewish involvement in Israel" at 16h30, Hillel House, 3460 Stanley.

McGill Volunteer Bureau is holding a symposium to provide information on volunteer groups in Montréal. 10h to 15h, Union Ballroom.

McGill Undergraduate History Journal is still accepting papers. Submit a photocopy with name and phone number at Leacock 625. Deadline is Jan. 24.

Best North America is a standardized database of research. McGill has until January 31 to submit data free of charge.

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# Police policy called short-sighted Cops to publicize rapes in the home

by Kristen Hutchinson  
and Catherine Jheon

Montréal police have a new policy on sexual assault, but many of the city's women's groups are not satisfied.

The policy requires Montréal police to publicize cases of sexual assault against women in their homes by men unknown to them.

Police constable Angèle Joyal said the policy has yet to be implemented because no such cases have been reported in the past months.

However, she said the next case that occurs will be publicized.

The policy has attracted criticism from women for its narrow scope.

"To only focus on homes is stupid," said Sylvia Di Iorio of the McGill Sexual Assault Center. "Rapes also occur in cars, parks, parking lots, shopping centers, everywhere."

"The police should announce everything," said Sarah Shaw of McGill Coalition against Sexual Assault (CASA).

"Such action distorts reality by putting labels on what constitutes a real rape."

Kelly Gallagher-Mackay of the Walk Safe Network said the policy would only apply to a miniscule minority of women.

Eighty-seven per cent of assaults occur between people who know each other and 13 per cent occur on the street, she said.

"This policy does not cover date rapes. Serial rapists don't only attack women in their homes."

Joyal said the policy does not mean that sexual assaults outside the home won't be announced.

While police are only obliged to publicize assaults occurring in the home, they may still publicize assaults occurring elsewhere.

The decision over which cases to publicize will be left to the director of each police station.

She said no sexual assault cases have been publicized since the policy's introduction.

The policy was drafted after a series of attacks in women's homes in Montréal's west island last year.

A public outcry resulted when police failed to issue warnings until several more assaults had occurred.

"The policy is important, for the first assault would be publicized instead of waiting for two or three to occur," said Joyal.

"This will help women to protect themselves."

Joyal said assault in a woman's home would be more likely to be premeditated than assault on the

"It could be a case of the police telling women not to dress a certain way or walk a certain way."

But women agreed that the initiative made by the police was in some ways positive and encouraging.

"Although the policy represents such a miniscule step for women, it's a big step for the police," said Gallagher-Mackay.

Deby Trent of the Montréal Sexual Assault Center called the policy a step in the right direction.

But she suggested police set up a specialized investigative team to deal with sexual assault.

"Montréal has a specialized squad for drugs and fraud, but not for sexual assault," she said.

"One cannot help but wonder if that's not a reflection of how violence against women is viewed."

Joyal said the assaults would be publicized through all local media, including community newspapers.

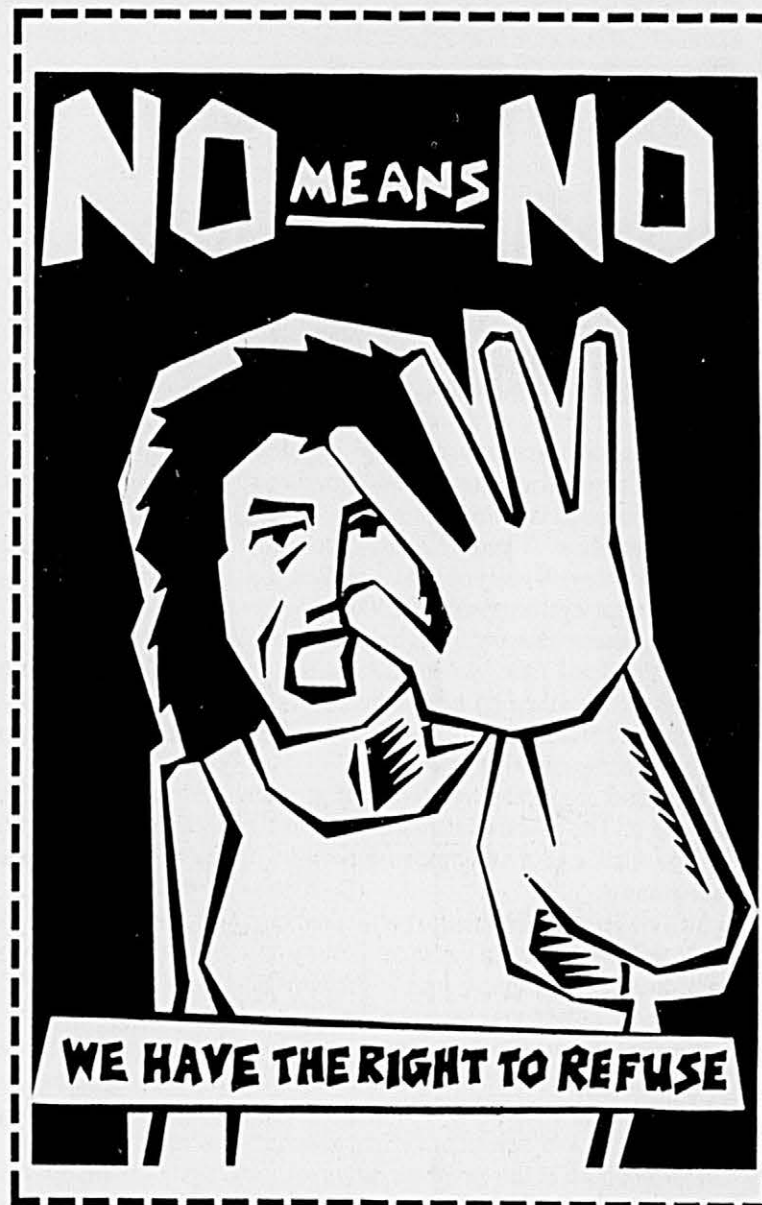
Police will not poster in areas where reported rapes have occurred, she said.



street. In such cases, women should be warned to take precautions, she said.

But some women are concerned such a policy could be damaging.

"We should be careful this (publicity policy) does not enhance paranoia and shift the blame of the crime to the women," said Di Iorio.



## FORUM: BODY IMAGE

### WHO'S IN CONTROL?

150 000 women die every year in North America from eating disorders. Ms magazine reports that 50 per cent of women on U.S. campuses are bulimic or anorexic. 60 per cent of American women have serious trouble eating.

The pervasive media images prescribe a young, thin, white beauty ideal, which requires near-starvation diets and carcinogenic breast implants to complete the image.

Non-participation in this mutilation, or simply accepting one's natural self, is interpreted as letting oneself go, being lazy, unfeminine, and deviant.

As a result, 90 per cent of women are unhappy with their weight and appearance, and on any one day 50 per cent are on diets.

The scam is diets don't work — 95 per cent of people gain back all they lost, and 98 per cent of those gain back more. Women become trapped in a cycle of dieting and bingeing, which potentially fosters anorexia, bulimia, and compulsive eating.

Visible minority women are twice removed from today's beauty ideal. The women of colour who do appear in fashion magazines and

### Body Image:



### Who's In Control?

entrenched in our culture?

Women have to expose the media messages which are destructive to their self-image, and create their own positive self-image.

For those already caught up in the diet cycle, getting help is the first step towards obtaining control.

The forum which addresses these issues is on Friday, January 24 at 19h30 in Leacock 132. Everyone is welcome, and free food will be served.

— Co-ordinators:  
Martha Sharpe, Dottie Wojakowski, Sarah Shaw

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#### VACCINATION BY PROTESTATION

A coalition of Montréal groups will be protesting outside the Sheraton Centre at 12h00 on Thursday January 23. The protest is directed at Preston Manning, who will be speaking there.

The leader of the Reform party will make his spiel to the Canadian Club at a special \$38.50 plus tax lunch.

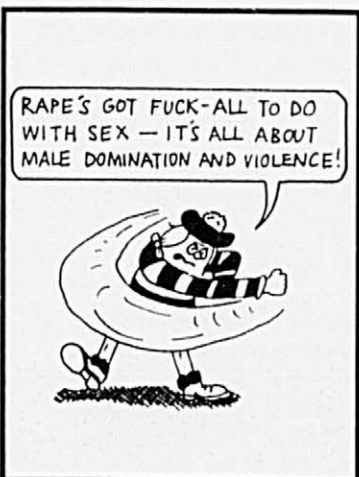
The coalition is critical of the Reform party's "Social Reform" policies which would see the end of universal social programs, maternity benefits, and child care programs.

The inherent racism of the Reform party's immigration policies and its promise to eliminate public support for multicultural groups is a further focus of the protest.

The Reform party was spawned in May of 1988 as a response to Western Canadian business's disillusionment with government policies.

Preston Manning, the son of Alberta premier and *National Bible Hour* host, Ernest C. Manning, has tried to build the Reform party on a populist base, much like his father's Social Credit party.

But the party ignores fundamental issues of the 1990's like human rights, women's rights, Native rights, racism, the poor, the disabled, the elderly and the environment. It instead harkens back to the simple days of the 1940's and 1950's, when right-wing, Anglo-Saxon, Protestant men took care of their own interests.





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COMMENT

## Cost: Megabucks, Accomplishment: ummmm...

The Canadian government claims it is dealing with violence against women. It's using the same method it employs to solve all problems these days — a national commission to talk with "ordinary Canadians".

A panel aimed at ending society's tolerance of violent acts against women will cost a whopping \$10 million for a year's work. The two chairwomen are getting paid \$100 000, and other panel members get \$500 a day. The excessive spending is ludicrous, to say the least.

The panel will travel to 36 cities in the first nine days. Enough to convince men and society to end the abuse of women? We doubt it. In a year they will present a national action plan. During that time, 100 women will be killed by men they know.

The panel argues that violence against women exists because society tolerates it. The problem is more complex than that, and it's hard to imagine that huge, flashy, expensive media blitzes will really help us understand it.

Media blitzes work better for public relations purposes: "Let's show the public that we care about violence against women." But the government really doesn't give a shit — look at the huge budgetary cuts to women's groups over the past year, or lack of progress in the daycare system.

We already know that one in four women will be assaulted in her lifetime. Let's stop "examining" the issue and finally do something. \$10 million could provide a lot of women with self defense courses to help women defend themselves, or to fund genuinely useful organizations.

The proposals of this new committee will most likely remain just that — mere proposals. The National Action Committee on the Status of Women comes out with proposals every year. What happens to them?

Women's groups have been telling the government what the problems are for decades. They have suggested solutions which continually fall on the government's deaf ears.

\$10 million is a hefty price tag for a defective hearing aid.

Kristen Hutchinson  
Susan Vivian

Fiona McCaw  
Eric Smiley

LETTERS

### Babies disturb me

To the Daily:

Well, well, well: looks like some of the pigeons have come home to roost.

If you saw *The Fifth Estate* on Tuesday January 7, you know what I mean. I have written in the past that I believe if we are to condemn the U.S. administration, we must also condemn Iraq and its leader.

However, this story on how the Kuwaiti government in the person of its ambassador hired a public relations firm to sway the American people to support the war disgusted me.

The out and out lie of the story of the babies disturbed me the most. It was as if I wanted to believe this story, so my basic opinion of human nature could be confirmed.

I have never held the Kingdom of Kuwait in very high esteem and this does nothing to help that.

We as a culture in the west owe a great deal to the Middle East.

It is a tragedy to see it in such turmoil

and its people under such repression. From the Iraqis to the Palestinians, nothing good seems to be happening. The peace talks between Israel and the Arab world are a bad joke in poor taste. The repressed Jew has become the repressed Palestinian. The Palestinian murders the Jew, other Jews fight back, and everybody gets self-righteous.

The only solution I can see is giving the Palestinians back some land. However, Israel has a point when they say they are afraid of the Arab world. They're afraid of the Arab world, their history dictates this reaction. All the subtle dynamics of a preschool recess are in play. I guess my opinions of human nature are being confirmed.

Pierre LaRocque  
U4 Drama

### The real resolution 242

To the Daily:

The January 20th article by John Dirlik and Yousef Arafat is full of half-

truths and outright lies. Their "interpretation" of Resolution 242 is wishful thinking.

It's true that Israel cites the English version of the resolution, and this is perfectly correct, since it was written in, and voted upon, in English. All other versions are translations of the original English.

Resolution 242, the real 242 and not the one Dirlik and Arafat wish for, does not require Israel to withdraw from all territory captured after the Arab aggression in 1967. "Land for Peace" is a concept which does not appear in the resolution.

Let me quote some authorities. First, like Dirlik and Arafat, Britain's Lord Caradon, this time in context: "We didn't say there should be withdrawal to the '67 line; we did not put 'the' in, we did not say all the territories deliberately." Then Arthur Goldberg, US Ambassador to the UN in 1967 and author of 242: "The notable omissions — which were not accidental — in regard to withdrawal are the words 'the' or 'all' and 'the June 5, 1967 lines'..."

Finally, another co-author, Eugene Rostow, Undersecretary of State for Political Affairs in 1967: "Resolution 242... rests on two principles. Israel may

administer the territory until its Arab neighbours make peace," and Israel should withdraw "not from 'the territories, nor from 'all' the territories, but from some of the territories."

And now since Messrs. Dirlik and Arafat's knowledge of 242 is obviously selective, let's cite Article 11(ii): "acknowledgement of the sovereignty, territorial integrity and political independence of every state in the area." The "states" of the region are Lebanon, Syria, Jordan, Egypt, and Israel.

Resolution 242, therefore, not only does not mean "land for peace", it expressly excludes any possibility of a new Palestinian state in the Territories.

Doron Goldstein  
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### McGill a gang of cheaters

To the Daily:

Would everyone at McGill please STOP CHEATING? I was appalled recently when a fellow science student proudly boasted that (s)he was handing in someone else's lab reports from a previous year, and getting straight A's. Most students complain about a heavy workload, and feel that labs and assignments can be unfairly demanding of time, and may even exceed the scope

of the course. The correct way to deal with this problem is to approach the professor responsible with a suggested solution that is fair to all students. The cheater's chosen solution not only demeans him or her but makes assignments and labs seem too easy, whipped off by part of the class in a single night. In a vicious circle, high marks from cheating seem to boost student performance, while non-cheaters struggle with increasing expectations and harder marking.

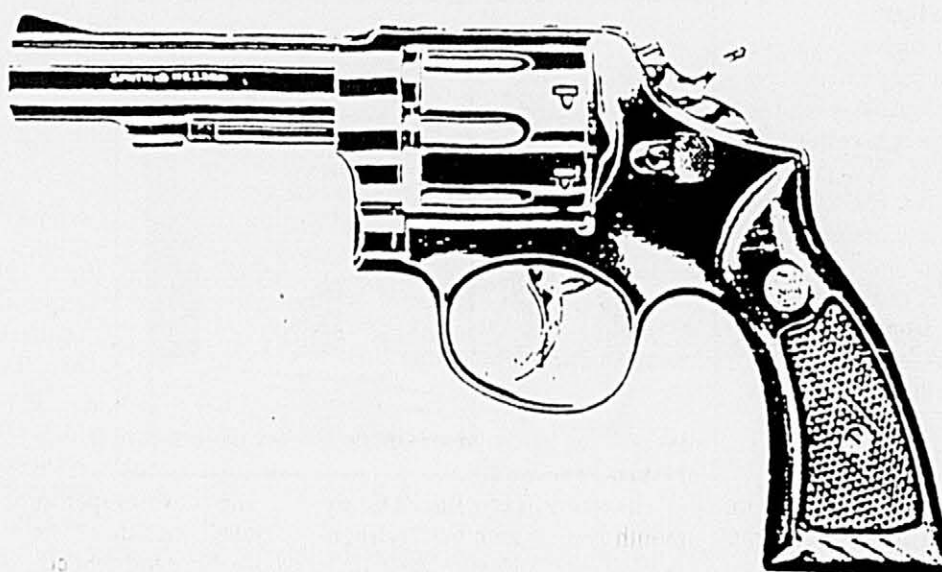
This subversion of the goals of student seems as widespread as the media have indicated. In December, a full-page article ran in the *Toronto Star* exposing McGill's big cheating problem, and adding weight to the arguments of some that McGill did not deserve to be named Canada's top university.

I encourage all students who feel overworked and disturbed by McGill's cheating problem to become active in changing labs and other assignments that are repeated each year. The morals of cheating are irrelevant here; I think it's time that the devastating effects of cheating on students' workloads be recognized.

David Morris  
U1 Science

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LETTERS

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# Montréal commemorates Black History



Anna-Maria Fiore, of the Montréal Intercultural Bureau.

By Ariel Deluy

February represents a very important month in the life of over 60 million Afro-Americans and Afro-Canadians. It is Black (Afrikan) history month.

It is when most members of the community have the opportunity to reflect on their Afrikan origin; remembering the "Holocaust"/enslavement mastered and administered by the Europeans and their descendants.

Most importantly, it is a time for them to reflect on their past and to analyze their present state of existence in order to move forward.

Black History month offers an opportunity to share the Afrikan contribution to humanity with other ethnic peoples. It is also an opportunity to renew their commitment to continue the shaping of this planet as equal partners.

Why is it necessary for Afrikans to have a Black History month?

The need emerged because of the intentional exclusion in history of the Afrikan contribution in the building of North America in general and Canada in particular.

According to Anna-Maria Fiore, the public relations officer for the Bureau Interculturel de Montréal: "The Canadian history books rarely mentioned the historical presence of Afrikans in Québec."

Moreover, in this time of growing Québec nationalism and the possible emergence of Quebec as a separate state, it is important to remind politicians and Québécois that when they use nationalist rhetoric such as, "Québécois pure laine", as the only component of change, they must remember that the fabric of this country as a whole or Québec in particular is not all white and French-speaking.

Indeed, between 1603 and 1608, Matthieu da Costa, an African, was the official translator between the French and First Nations peoples during the Champlain-Pontreacourt exploration of the coast of Acadia and New England. He was fluent in French, English and Micmac.

## Montréal adopts Black History Month

Several years ago, Black History month became an official celebration in Toronto, Halifax, Vancouver and Edmonton. However, for over 10 years, the Black community in Montréal has been promoting the event.

It was only during last year's International Day against Discrimination and Racism — March 21, 1991 — that Montréal Mayor Jean Doré publicly acknowledged the growing racism in

la Cultures, community organizations and public institutions.

The activities sponsored by the city will include art exhibitions, shows, films and public conferences. On the other hand, the members of the Afrikan-Canadian community with their respective organizations will be putting together approximately 50 activities to mark the event. Among those organizations are A.K.A.X., the Alliance of Afrikans in Action, BCCQ, BCQ, and the Black Students' Network.

It is important to note that the

Montréal and the need to sensitize Montréal's population to the culture of the Black community.

He also announced that the city of Montréal will officially declare February as Black History month. Montréal became the first city in the province of Québec to recognize and become an official partner in the celebration of the event.

As a result, the city offers a wide variety of activities in different Maisons de

presence of the French-speaking Afrikan community is not very large. In stark contrast to the large number of French-speaking organizations in Montréal, we can only count about four participating organizations.

This suggests that either Black History month is not well known in this sector or there has not been an adequate effort to include this sector. According to the city, because this is their first time embarking on this type of a project they have had to delay their official kick-off until January 28.

Kwaku Simon, a member of the Haitian community, said: "A lot of people still do not have an understanding of the importance of Black History Month in the French sector. To me it symbolizes the remembrance of all the atrocities

committed from 1492 up until 1992 by Columbus and his descendants during Black History month I reaffirm my commitment to struggle and to firmly say *never again*."

The city of Montréal seems contradictory in the direction it is taking.

While it acknowledges the importance of a Black History month and the consequent importance of the Afrikan contribution to Canada and Québec, it is not helping the present situation through its unwillingness to criticize and reform a police force that has proved itself unnecessarily brutal, unprofessional, and deadly in its dealings with the Black community.

Even if the acknowledgement of Black contributions is a first step toward dialogue and understanding between the Black community and government institutions, it seems there is still a long way to go.



For more information concerning the calendar and celebration of events for February please contact Le Bureau Interculturel de Montréal, 872-6133 or any of the abovementioned organizations. To contact A.K.A.X. call 485-1945.

# Tax dodging for peace

by Jon O'Brien

Roger Julien is an interesting person, so interesting the government is taking him to court.

Every day he stuffs envelopes in a north-end factory, a job he described as painfully dull. But in his spare time, Julien opposes military spending as a member of a war tax resistance group whose members refuse to pay the portion of their taxes directed to the military.

He and three other members of *Nos Impôts pour la Paix* (Our Taxes for Peace) will go to court next month for withholding 12.6 per cent of their taxes each year, the sum the group estimates is channelled from Canadian taxpayers into military coffers. Their unpaid taxes are safeguarded in a private account until the government creates a "peace fund" — money earmarked especially for peaceful projects. Julien isn't very hopeful.

"Creating a peace fund would be a total contradiction for the present government and I never expect them to make one," said Julien. "So refusing to pay taxes must be combined with a number of other elements to be effective."

Members of *Nos Impôts* send letters to the government expressing their disgust at Canadian military policies and stating why they are withholding their taxes. *Nos Impôts*

also provides legal defence for members challenged by the government in the courts.

A busy peacenik, Julien is also a member of the Committee on Peace and Disarmament of the Resource Centre on Non-Violence, Conscience Canada and the Peace Bus organization.

But if Canada is to truly progress, Julien believes great changes are needed in our society.

"We must stop everything," said Julien, citing social injustice, military over-emphasis and what he sees as societies insatiable appetite for consumption.

According to Julien, Québec politics and world politics are controlled by a rich few that don't represent the wishes of the poor majority. Native rights, minority rights and social justice are ignored in the pursuit of an economy that consumes all and leaves no

facet of Québec unscathed.

Julien believes in the formulation of a social architecture that would identify an independent Québec as a unique society and political entity. To him, the interrelatedness of ecological awareness, social justice, First Nations rights, disarmament, equality and economic reform all speak of a whole that would create a peaceful environment to live in.

But he does not believe this society can be formed through violence or class revolution. "We aren't go-

ing to change a thing by switching places with the middle class, and it's not through arms or capitalism that we're going to change the present."

Julien says "The violent nature of modern...society only begets violence. Man's sensitivity is being destroyed...I am anxious to see the people who have overcome their fear of the government and are ready to act."

We have only to convince those who are violent that they will not succeed with violence. Gandhi stands firm."



Roger Julien.



# Tutor program a success in Lachine

by Sharon Stewart

**T**hirteen members of McGill's Black Students' Network are tutoring at Lachine High School, in an effort to help black youth avoid slipping through the cracks in the school system.

The program was initiated last September by Lachine High School Vice-Principal Beverly Townsend and members of Black Students' Network (BSN).

The tutor program began by pairing off black students at McGill and at Lachine. Several months later, the program was expanded to include other ethnic groups.

McGill tutor Dave Austen said the students tutored are not indifferent to their subjects.

"The students are interested, but haven't had the people to motivate them," he said.

"The program has been successful due to the individual attention that motivates the students."

While last term's exam results have yet to be calculated, Townsend said student response to tutors has been positive.

Students have taken a greater interest in their studies and Townsend said there has been a notable improvement in the study habits.

Student coordinator Adrian Harewood said the poor academic standing of many students stems from boredom.

"I try to make them excited about what they're studying and bring them books that might interest them."

Townsend hoped extended contact with McGill tutors will give students at Lachine a glimpse of what they can achieve through their studies.

She said the program challenged community beliefs that many of these students are "unteachable."

Townsend said these students needed mentors and role models as much as tutors. "They need people to motivate them to do the work and do it well."

"The tutors can relate quite well to these students and are concerned with their knowledge of black history," said Harewood.

"It's a bit more than giving them some tips on Algebra and French."

Of Lachine's student population of 620, roughly one out of every eight students is black.

Besides Townsend, there are few black teachers or administrators among the school's faculty.

The program involves some 13

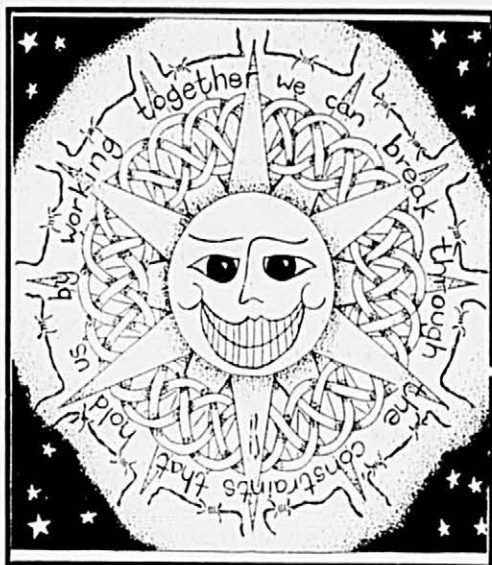
volunteer tutors and 30 students who meet once or twice a week, one on one, at the school.

Lachine students are identified by their teachers and matched with a McGill student based on subject of instruction, time availability and, if possible, interests.

McGill tutor David Nieheim believes that the program's success is largely a result of effort. "The amount of work the BSN has put into it has been impressive."

As of January, steps have been taken to involve the McGill Literacy Council in the program.

Tutors would be coached on the detection of reading disabilities and teaching techniques for those students experiencing difficulties.



Other black organisations have also recognised and responded to the needs of Montréal's black youth's.

AKA-X, a Montréal black youth group, has run a similar program at NDG's Westhill High School. AKA-X hopes to establish a weekend school where tutors and students can meet, after Westhill's closure this spring.

**"It's a bit more than giving them some tips on Algebra and French."**

## Tories privatize student loans

# FIRST THE TAX, NOW THE AXE

OTTAWA (CUP) — Student representatives are outraged at Ottawa's move to privatize the daily operations of the federal student loan program.

"I'm suspicious of contracting-out programs to private companies because their interests in profit will make the system less flexible for students," said Jocelyn Charron, Canadian Federation of Students communications officer.

Contracting-out the daily operations and bookkeeping of the Canadian Student Loan Program (CSLP) was first announced in 1989 as a "cost-effective" way to deliver the program. The government will soon open up bidding on the contract.

Several CSLP activities have already been tendered including data entry, computer systems operations and support, collections and litigation.

"Control is moving further and further away from the government," said Carl Gillis, a Carleton University student councillor when reflecting on the current trend of turning government-run programs over to the private sector.

Gillis said as the government severs itself from the administration of the CSLP, its responsibility to students is "watered down."

The government will still be responsible for determining and guaranteeing the loans, said Laurent Marcoux, a federal policy advisor on student aid.

Mark Hudson, press attache for Secretary of State Robert de Cotret — the minister responsible for student loans — said students won't apply to a private company for a loan.

The privatization is for paper work that is "after the fact," he said.

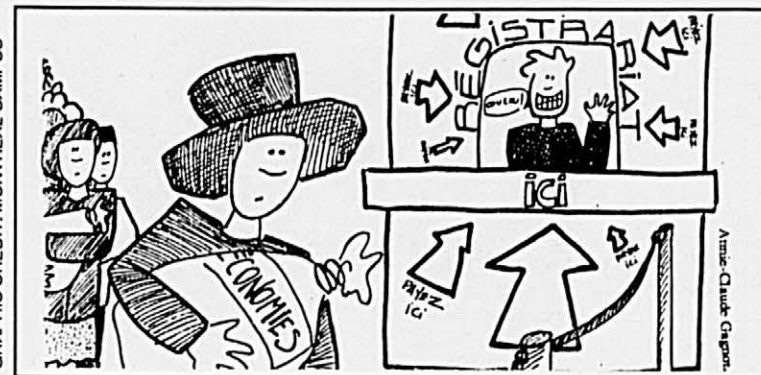
But he added the government is considering several options to change the loan program, including privatizing the entire plan.

"I'm sure there would be some concerns expressed there (but) private companies can be more fiscally responsible," Hudson said.

Federal government figures show that more than 200 000 students borrow money under the program each year — about 50 per cent of Canadian students.

Approximately \$2.7 billion is currently owed to banks by current and former students.

Québec students will be untouched by the privatization



measures because the province manages its own loans and bursary program.

However, out-of-province students receiving grants will be affected by the measures.

## B.C. Minimum Wage Hike Disappointing

# NOT ENOUGH

VICTORIA (CUP) — Student representatives in British Columbia are disappointed with the provincial NDP government's increase of minimum wage.

Jacque Best, a student councillor at the University of Victoria, said "It's seen as a very important student issue, because increasing financial pressure is being placed on students to cover the cost of their education."

Employees 18 years of age and over will now make \$5.50 per hour, up from five dollars.

Best said the wage should be \$7 as recommended by the Canadian Federation of Students.

Best said the increase won't cover rising education costs, let alone rent.

"Tuition was up 9.62 per cent last year, while the maximum student loan wasn't increased at all," she said. "Obviously student wages aren't enough to make up that difference."

The raise affects only those employees now at the minimum level. An employee receiving slightly more than the minimum will not automatically be given a raise to \$5.50.

A part-time employee working three six-hour shifts a week makes \$360 a month, just enough to pay a low rent in Victoria.

Bruce McCulloch, a policy advisor with B.C.'s labour ministry, said the government has kept its promise to raise the minimum wage. The province will be reviewing B.C.'s Employment Standards Act, and the minimum wage will likely be discussed during public consultations, he added.

McCulloch said the minimum wage is determined in relation to average wage rates. If salaries in the province don't rise, the minimum wage will remain at the same level, he said.

The provincial government might match the policy recently introduced in Ontario, where the minimum wage was set at 60 per cent of the average industrial wage, McCulloch said. The proposal will be tabled during a review of the Employment Standards Act.

Best said a realistic minimum wage is essential. "It's a good place to start in ensuring that students have a decent standard of living."

## PROVINCIAL MINIMUM WAGES

MINIMUM WAGES AS OF DECEMBER 1991:

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Prince Edward Island	\$4.35	\$4.75
Québec	-----	\$5.55
Ontario	\$5.55	\$6.00
Manitoba	-----	\$5.00
Saskatchewan	-----	\$5.00
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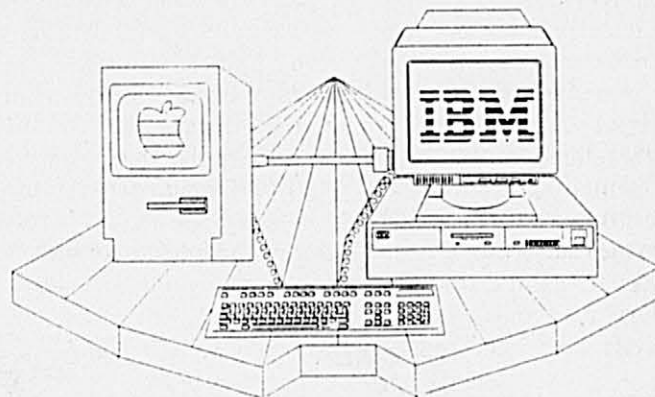
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# McGill and the student movement

## STRANGE BEDMATES

"Some 20 000 Québec University students yesterday staged an effective but quiet boycott of lectures. At McGill, 99 per cent of the students honoured the walkout."

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FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 1958

### In 1958

Québec tuition fees were among the highest in the country. But instead of developing the province's universities, weasel-faced Premier Maurice Duplessis played constitutional poker with higher education as his chips.

Fearing federal bureaucrats would sap away at his power, Duplessis forbade Ottawa to fund Québec universities without his approval. Québec universities were nourished only by a trickle of federal cash and a comparable pittance from the province.

Students reacted. Both French and English students walked out of classes to apply pressure on the government for lower fees and increased funding. For the first time, the Québec student movement, 21 000 strong, found power in outspoken activism.

### In 1989

Reptilian Premier Robert Bourassa, and his scaly side-kick, education minister Claude Ryan, plotted another blow to Québec education. They lifted a twenty year freeze on tuition fee increases, raising fees in the following years by 160 per cent.

Over two decades students had defended the freeze when successive governments attempted a "thaw," only to be blocked by strikes and massive demonstrations.

But in 1989, McGill students didn't show up. Token complaints were murmured, a strike was attempted and only handfuls of people showed to protest. Division, dissention and apathy paralyzed the student movement at a time when a unified and an effective front was needed.



sell-out.

As a compromise to its partners, FEUQ recommended last fall that tuitions continue to increase each year with the consumer price index (typically seven per cent a year), despite the 160 per cent hike over the last two years.

FEUQ said students could avoid large tuition increases by accepting small incremental increases.

FEUQ also recommended to the government that increases in pro-

vincial subsidies be also indexed next year.

The government did not respond.

ANEEQ was highly critical of FEUQ's action. According to some ANEEQ members, FEUQ rejected the only possible real bargaining power students have when it gave up on activist politics.

The Québec City vermin knew what they were doing.

Although the student movement

had managed to hold off tuition increases for 20 years, it was now at a moment of weakness.

Tuition soared as student politicians fought between themselves.

The Québec student movement is now at a crossroads. It can choose the activist approach of ANEEQ that served so well in the past. Or it could lower its expectations and see what comes out of the "Nouvelle Partenariat" of FEUQ.

It's your turn to decide.

by Dave Ley

The Québec student movement is now a sickly shadow of its radical glory days in the 70s.

Before infighting and disillusionment crippled ANEEQ in the mid 80s, the association successfully fought for everything from increased loans and bursaries to leniency for late tuition payments.

ANEEQ managed to coordinate the most successful resistance to planned tuition fee hikes in 1986.

But ANEEQ's troubles date further back.

In 1979, many university members in ANEEQ split from the organization to form le Regroupement des Associations Etudiantes Universitaires (RAEU).

The drop-out universities were frustrated by the organization's excessive centralization and fiscal mismanagement.

English and federalist tendencies in the student movement opposed the association's sovereigntist manifestos.

They were also frustrated by ANEEQ's representational system, which had universities outnumbered three to one by CEGEPs. McGill's Students' Society was an early member of RAEU.

Tactics also divided the Québec

student movement.

In contrast with ANEEQ's long history of strikes, protests, and rallies, RAEU sought dialogue and cooperation with the government. RAEU argued that only negotiation and compromise could prevent the government from crushing accessibility.

RAEU eventually disintegrated and the Fédération Etudiante Universitaire de Québec (FEUQ) took its place several years later.

While more conservative student councils at McGill and Université de Montréal placed their support in FEUQ, ANEEQ remained the centre of student activism.

In 1990, McGill students voted in a referendum to join FEUQ and pay a one dollar per student membership fee.

A second student-initiated referendum in 1991 approved a withdrawal from FEUQ, but was later overturned by a judicial committee.

Like RAEU, FEUQ has continually rejected student activism. The federation prefers its own policy, a "new partnership" between university, students, government and business — each one paying their "fair share." FEUQ leaders say the "partnership" encourages cooperation; critics say it amounts to a

### NEWS BRIEFS

#### Holdup at Vanier

Three armed men held up a registration session at Vanier College last Saturday afternoon. One man holding a 12 gauge shotgun and two others carrying revolvers took two thousand dollars from the till.

Vanier student Jessica Diamond was present at the hold up. "They said hit the floor, and I dove under the table I was working at," she said.

According to Diamond the armed security guard didn't do anything. "The school doesn't pay enough for their guards to jump in front of armed people," said Diamond.

The doors to the gymnasium were opened because of the heat inside, giving the thieves easy entry. To ensure that this does not occur again "either get new vents or everyone should wear t-shirts," said Diamond.

"My first rational thought was that he was there for the money, and then he cleared his way to the till," said Diamond. There were about four hundred people in the room at the time of the holdup.

— Kristen Hutchinson

#### Rez council ups fees

Residence fees are to go up 3.5 per cent next year according to a preliminary budget passed at the University Residence's Council (URC).

Only one member of the council objected to the proposed budget.

"It was a very good increase," said Naveed Alam, council president of McConnell Hall, who voted in favour of the budget, "considering that this is the lowest increase in years and taking into account that inflation is greater than this increase, this is a very reasonable proposal."

James Cook, president of Douglas Hall, was the only council member to oppose the budget. He said residence fees were already too high and many students could not afford fees as they were.

"I thought the purpose of residence was to provide affordable accessible and quality housing for students," said Cook "I guess I was wrong."

"If people are money conscious then they shouldn't move into residence," said Wayne Yen, president of Gardner Hall, "people should move into residence for the convenience, the security and the

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services offered."

Last year's budget included a 6 per cent increase in residence fees and ended the fiscal year with a 2.5 million dollar profit.

Cook also expressed concern that the proposed increase may actual hurt residences financial situation.

"There is already a high level of vacancy in the residences at the moment," he said.

"People are turned away by the fees as they are now, this increase may lead to less residents and less revenue for residences."

— Dave Ley